SENATE BILL 1715 By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to orders of protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-605, is amended by inserting the following between the first and second sentences of subsection (c):

An ex parte order issued pursuant to this part shall be personally served upon the respondent. However, if the respondent is not a resident of Tennessee, the ex parte order shall be served pursuant to §§ 20-2-215 and 20-2-216.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-602, is amended by adding the following new sentence to the end of subsection (c):

If the respondent is not a resident of Tennessee, the petition may be filed in the county where the petitioner resides.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.